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In re Application of: ) Art Unit: 3632  
RONALD E. TINSLEY ) Examiner:  
Serial No.: 09/905,446 ) Kofi A. Schulterbrandt  
Filed: July 13, 2001 )  
For: EPIDURAL STABILIZATION DEVICE )

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FIRST AMENDMENT

October 7, 2003

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Exhibit A attached hereto contains a complete listing of all of the claims in this application.

Please amend claims 1 and 4, as set forth in Exhibit A.

Please add new claims 6 and 7, as set forth in Exhibit A.

Please cancel claims 2 and 3.

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REMARKS:

A. The amendments and their basis:

1. Claim 1: This claim has been amended to recite that the